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Applicants:

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For:

PEPTIDES AGAINST AUTO-ANTIBODIES CAUSING DCM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following sentence on line 1, immediately following the title:

--This is a 371 of PCT/EP00/09241, filed September 21, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel original claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 13-24 as found on the following pages.